

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF HILLIARD, FLORIDA, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, HONORING WANDA J. LANIER, CHIEF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON HER RETIREMENT FROM BARNABAS CENTER, INC.; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Wanda Lanier began her employment with Barnabas Center, Inc. in June 2010, as the Chief Executive Officer and spent the next eleven years overseeing all aspects of the organization to ensure that the goals of the Board of Directors were carried out effectively and in a conscientious manner; and

WHEREAS, under Wanda Lanier's leadership, Barnabas Center has been successful in providing help and hope to individuals and families in need throughout Nassau County improving their stability, health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Lanier led Barnabas Center to successfully complete a capital campaign and an endowment campaign, purchase and renovate a comprehensive service facility, expand healthcare services, expand services to the western part of the county and has provided leadership to the agency resulting in multiple awards and recognition including: Florida Blue Sapphire Award, Nassau County Chamber of Commerce Non-Profit of the Year (multiple years), the highest 4-star rating from Charity Navigator and the Platinum Seal of Transparency from GuideStar; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Lanier has received recognition for her efforts on behalf of others, as a Florida Times-Union EVE finalist, a Girl Scouts "Women of Distinction" winner, an Olympic Torchbearer in the 1996 Olympics for her role in addressing homeless issues in northeast Florida, a graduate of Leadership Asheville and Leadership Jacksonville and as a member of the Rotary Amelia Sunrise Club; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Lanier has served as an experienced non-profit executive who has excelled in leadership roles in several nonprofit organizations throughout her career including North Carolina Outward Bound, her own fundraising and grant-writing business, as the first Executive Director of the Emergency Services and Homeless Coalition of Jacksonville, Community Connections of Jacksonville, the United Way of Northeast Florida and Hubbard House; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Lanier has served the greater good and cared about others throughout her career, all while raising her own two sons and more recently, enjoying her grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Lanier has always demonstrated professionalism when representing Barnabas Center; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Lanier led by example and was admired by her co-workers for her strong work ethic and her compassion for the individuals and families she encountered; and

WHEREAS, Wanda Lanier announced her retirement effective June 30, 2021; and


WHEREAS, Wanda Lanier will be greatly missed by those who had the honor to work with her, as well as by the individuals and families she served.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 17th day of June, 2021, by the Town Council of Hilliard, Florida, that:

The Council publicly commends Wanda J. Lanier for her commitment to Barnabas Center, Inc.

The Council, on behalf of all residents of Hilliard, Florida extend their sincere appreciation for all she has done to make this Town great.

THIS RESOLUTION adopted this 17th day of June, 2021 by the Town Council of the Town of Hilliard, Florida.



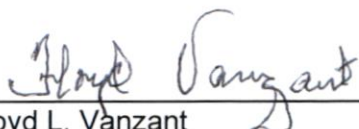
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Council President

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Town Clerk

APPROVED:



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